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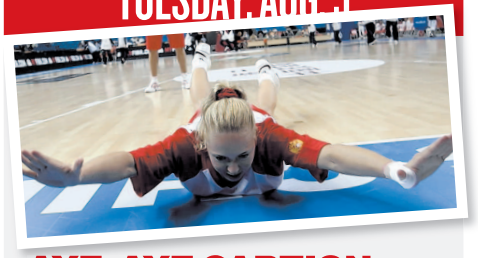
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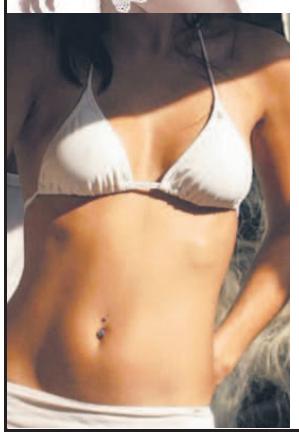
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BREAKING NEWS

BY THE NUMBERS

Kids meals high in fat

Healthy kids' meals at top restaurant chains are slim pickings, according to a report by a nonprofit public health group.

Nearly every possible combination of the children's meals at Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell, Sonic, Jack in the Box and Chick-fil-A are too high in calories, the report by the Center for Science in the Public Interest said. Other restaurant chains included in the report are McDonald's, Burger King, Chili's Bar and Grill, Subway, Wendy's, Dairy Queen, Arby's and Denny's.

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Number of restaurant chains studied for the report

1,474
Number of possible choices of kids' meals at those restaurants

93
Percent of those meals that exceed 430 calories, one-third of the recommended daily consumption for kids 4-8

45
Percent of the meals that exceed recommendations for saturated and trans fat

86
Percent that are high in sodium [AP]

Breakfast battle

Denny's, IHOP aim to 'take back what was ours'

Associated Press

NEW YORK After watching more customers stream into drive-thrus for a quick morning meal, family dining restaurants like Denny's and IHOP are telling their fast-food competitors to back off breakfast.

In an attempt to lure diners back to the table—or at least to the curb—the chains are introducing more portable products, offering to-go and curbside pickup programs and remodeling their locations.

The moves come as breakfast has taken on far more importance to fast-food chains that traditionally put little effort into the morning meal, but now see opportunities to expand sales and profits at that time of day. Some are even thinking about serving breakfast all day at some point—a switch that would directly challenge the 24/7 breakfast menus that drive a large part of sales at family dining restaurants.

"We're being attacked," Denny's Chief Executive Nelson Marchioli said. "We can't let that happen. We have to take back what was ours to begin with."

That won't be easy, restaurant analysts say, considering the premium consumers place on convenience, speed and low prices.

"It's hard to beat fast food," said Bob Goldin, executive vice president of consumer research firm Technomic in Chicago. "The demographics and lifestyle trends are working against" the family dining chains.

Complicating the issue is the slow economy and consumers' desire to spend less on eating out. Fast-food chains have been a beneficiary of people's reluctance to part with their cash since they offer food at lower prices than most casual dining or family dining restaurants.

Denny's has seen its sales decline as consumers have cut back on spending and shifted to cheaper fast food. In the second quarter, same-store sales, or sales at locations open at least a year, fell 2.8 percent systemwide.

The company launched a to-go campaign last month that features a layered, dome container meant to keep pancakes hot and bacon crispy. Marchioli said he has seen "a nice increase" in the company's takeout business since introducing the new packaging, which is available for the restaurant's full menu.

IHOP also has been promoting its to-go options in the past year, leading carryout sales to rise from about 2 percent of its business to nearly 4 percent, said Patrick Lenow, spokesman for the chain's parent company, DineEquity Inc.



A sign for Denny's takeout breakfast hangs in a Coral Gables, Fla., restaurant. The casual dining chain has begun offering a new takeout program. [AP PHOTO]

FAST AND EASY

The demand for to-go options has helped McDonald's build its breakfast business into what President and Chief Operating Officer Ralph Alvarez last month called the company's "fastest-growing segment." The chain's breakfast menu has expanded in the past year to include chicken biscuit sandwiches, a premium coffee blend and espresso-based drinks at some locations. Burger King, meanwhile, rolled out a breakfast value menu last year. [AP]



CHEESE SQUEEZE

McDonald's may be doing well at breakfast, but it's still looking for ways to cut costs.

The company is testing ways to make its double cheeseburger—a staple of its Dollar Menu—less expensive to make, The Wall Street Journal reports.

One option: Less cheese.

Some locations are selling the burger with one slice of cheese instead of two, according to the Journal. Others are offering a double hamburger without cheese.



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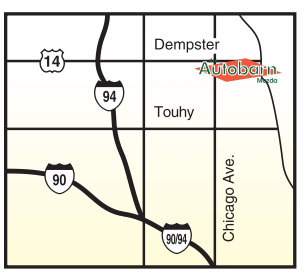
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GOING PUBLIC

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Tips for the CTA commuter newbie

If you sense it's getting more crowded on "L" trains and in bus aisles, it's not just public transit paranoia.

Increasingly the "Going Public" inbox is spilling over with self-described "new riders" who have traded in their car keys for CTA fare cards due to gas prices gone wild.

The transit agency, too, is taking note of a spike in riders.

Systemwide, the CTA recorded a 4.1 percent increase in ridership for the first six months of the year compared to the same period last year, according to CTA spokeswoman Wanda Taylor. In June alone, ridership was up nearly 7 percent when compared to last year, she said.

Among the possible reasons for the train and bus bump, according to Taylor: CTA service improvements, rising gas prices and the recently implemented Senior Free Rides program. No matter the reason for the CTA switch, I say we embrace newly converted riders. But there's nothing wrong with making the CTA squeeze go a bit more smoothly. "Going Public" is offering a rider refresher course in mass transit manners to induct the newbies into the brave new world of buses and trains. Here are five tips for a better trip.

1. Fare thee well

Due to annoying Go Lane glitches, you newbies may inevitably be "that rider" who has to wave your Chicago Card three times before the bus operator lets you go on your merry mass transit way. Nothing to apologize for there. But don't be the rider fumbling in your pockets or purse as a line forms behind you on the bus or at a station turnstile. Get your fare out and be ready to ride when you step up to your stop.

2. Keep it down

Loud music and conversation on the CTA are not restricted to newcomers. But please don't add to it. Remember that you're no longer in your car, so don't pump your sounds like you're the boombox-blasting John Cusack in "Say Anything."

3. Embrace your space

In your personal vehicle, you could put your briefcase in the passenger seat, shopping bags in the trunk and your cappuccino in a handy cup-holder. None of those amenities exist on the "L" or bus. If you can't fit your belongings on your lap, stow them on the floor as close to your feet as possible. And please don't position your food or beverages anywhere other than on your person. You paid for one seat, not two.

4. Back it up on the bus

You may enjoy standing right beside the bus operator to make sure you don't miss your stop. But the people trying to board the crowded bus are not enjoying you. Move all the way to the back of the bus. Rest assured, you will have ample warning to get off, and that back door lets you off onto the curb, not into the mouth of hell.

5. Stop blocking

True, there are only so many poles and handrails to go around, but don't be a door dolt. If you're only blocking "L" doors because you fear you'll somehow miss your stop, your fear is largely unfounded. Move in and make room. If that's an unreasonable request, "Going Public" suggests you'd be better off joining fellow boorish blockers in a carpool for the etiquette impaired.

RED EYE online

Come blab on the blog. Kyra Kyles is taking CTA comments and addressing transit agency issues at **redeyechicago.com/ctablog**. She's also taking applications to join our CTA spy network. Visit the blog now for details.

READER FEEDBACK

What public transit pearls o' wisdom would you like to share with CTA newbies? Send riding advice, or any other CTA-related comment, to **goingpublic@tribune.com**. Please include your name, age and neighborhood of yourself, as we may run it in "Hey, CTA!" on Wednesday. RedEye is now accepting rider photos, too, so send us a picture.

CORRECTION

In Monday's "Eye Contact" column, RedEye incorrectly identified the celebrities spotted at Enclave on Saturday night. It was Cisco Adler and Shwayze.



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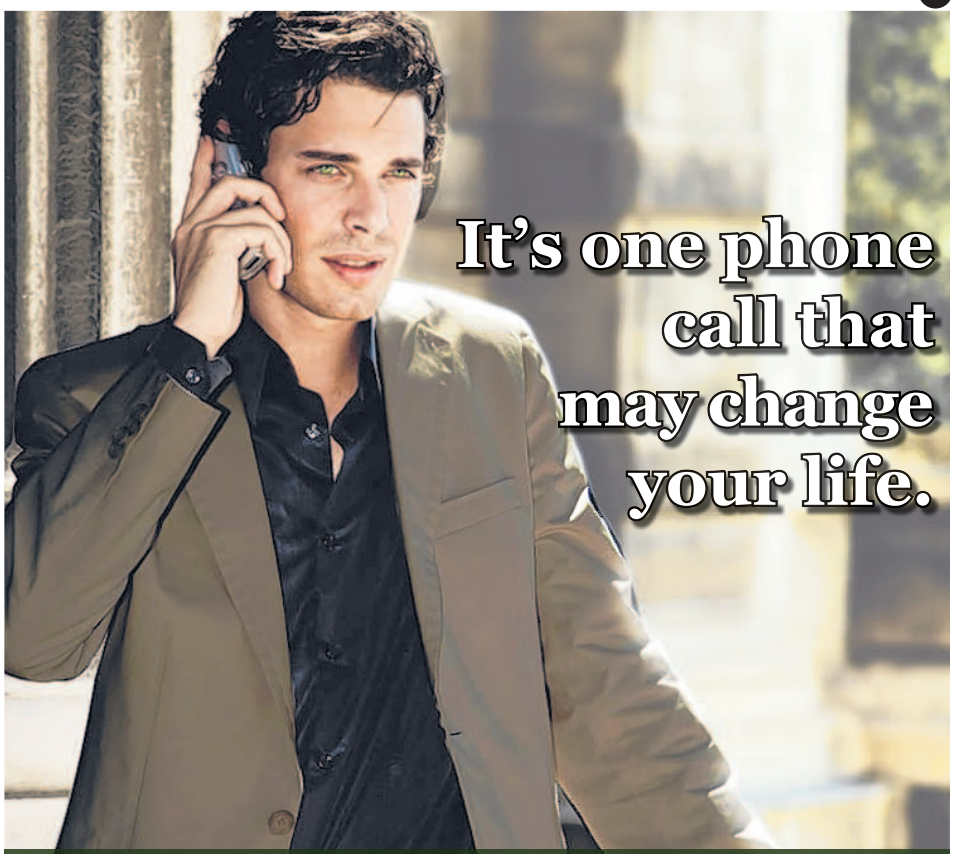
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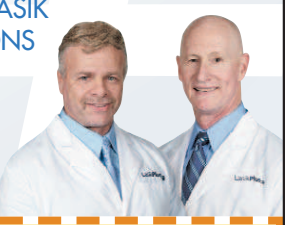
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Iraq veteran Megan Upperman studies last month at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. [AP PHOTO]

An important lesson: Rejoining civilian life

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN After serving in Iraq, Megan Upperman tried to manage the transition from warrior to student.

She dropped most of her classes during one of her first semesters at Southern Illinois University after finding it difficult to return to civilian life.

Upperman, who served in Iraq in 2004 in Army National Guard supply convoys, said she was uncharacteristically edgy for six or eight months after her return. She was in what she called a state of "hyper overdrive."

"At the drop of a dime, I'd just get upset over something that was ridiculous," said Upperman, 23, a senior earning a bachelor's degree in kinesiology.

As veterans of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq return to campus, many are finding that colleges and universities are only beginning to figure out how to help them transition back to civilian, social and academic life.

Many need help with paperwork. Others seek emotional and psychological support. And some struggle to fit in with classmates who are often much younger.

"Obviously, nobody goes to combat and comes back the same person," said Bob Wallace, director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a Marine veteran of Vietnam.

BACK TO SCHOOL

About 250,000 veterans are attending colleges and universities on the GI Bill, according to the Veterans Administration. There are no firm statistics on the number attending without the GI bill. [AP]

With more people returning from conflict than at any time since the Vietnam War—along with a new, more generous GI bill—the number of college-bound vets is expected to swell.

Many veterans have banded together to help each other navigate their schools.

At the urging of a boyfriend, Upperman enrolled in counseling through the Veterans Affairs Department.

She also helped start an on-campus veterans group, Cougar Vets, to help other veterans find answers to questions like how to use military benefits like the GI Bill.

At Eastern Illinois University, Army veteran Eric Hiltner and other veterans resurrected a defunct informal fraternity for Army vets called the Black Knights.

Hiltner, a 24-year-old journalism student who served in Iraq, found it more comfortable to socialize with other veterans than many of the other students on campus.

"They're sitting there [saying], "I haven't seen my dog in two weeks,'" Hiltner said with a weary laugh. "I'm going, 'I've gone two and a half years without seeing my family.' "

The funnier side of war?

What impressed former U.S. Marine Evan "Q-Tip" Stafford most about "Generation Kill" wasn't the brutal realism.

It wasn't the moments when soldiers are shown purchasing their own body armor and shielding for their Humvees. It wasn't the mercilessly accurate portrait of an officer, derisively known as Captain America, who had a tendency to panic during firefights and scream over the radio that they were all going to die.

What Stafford enjoyed most? The funny parts.

"Even when you're in a combat situation, there's still humor," said Stafford, 25, of Apollo Beach, Fla., who won a Purple Heart and Silver Star during two tours of Iraq. "They brought some of the humor that is never shown in any war movie. It basically just humanizes people instead of glorifying 'em all the time."

"Generation Kill" is funny in the way only young men coping with long stretches of boredom and flashes of danger can be. One moment, a soldier is goose-stepping behind a superior officer, lampooning his seemingly obsessive focus on the length of soldiers' mustache hairs. The next, a clownish Humvee driver looks at an Iraqi's traditional dress and asks why he's still in pajamas at 10 a.m.

The journalist who wrote the book that spawned this miniseries says it's all based on real events and real people.

"It turns out, the best, wittiest, most clever, shocking, dramatic lines in the whole series are actually things we didn't come up with as writers," said Evan Wright, who co-wrote scripts based on his book "Generation Kill."

[ST. PETERSBURG TIMES]



ALEXANDER SKARSGARD (LEFT) AND JAMES RANSONE OF 'GENERATION KILL' [HBO PHOTO]

The real world: IRAQ

For veterans, the war they lived isn't always as seen on TV

COVER STORY

By Tracy Swartz
REDEYE

John Christeson thought watching the first two episodes of "Generation Kill" would be like watching the replay of a basketball game he had played in.

The HBO miniseries is based on the experiences of the First Reconnaissance Battalion, Christeson's former military unit, during the initial days of the unit's invasion of Iraq.

But when he watched the show, he was somewhat surprised. Christeson said he recognized some of the characters, but many of the personalities were exaggerated and certain events of the show weren't portrayed accurately.

"Some of the action sequences didn't [happen] nearly as slow. Things go a lot faster in real life," said Christeson, who lives Downstate in Collinsville. "The experience and the recreation were different."

Christeson, who served in the Marines from 2002 to 2006, said he doesn't typically watch Iraq-related movies or TV shows because they sometimes make him feel nostalgic for his 16 months in Iraq and make him miss his friends from his unit.

Christeson, 24, said he usually only watches movies and shows like "Generation Kill"—which airs at 8 p.m. Sundays—to see how events are depicted. Likewise, veterans, servicemen and their significant others who talked to RedEye said they occasionally watch war-themed programs to see how realistic they are—but sometimes these portrayals hit too close to home.

Andrei Piskoun of Tinley Park, who served in the Marines for four years until 2005, said he doesn't plan to watch "Generation Kill." He's been avoiding similar movies since watching "Jarhead," the 2005 Desert Storm film, triggered painful memories.

Piskoun, 25, said he spent nine months in Iraq building roads and camps. Now he's studying at Northern Illinois University to be a gym teacher.

"I can't describe this feeling you get," Piskoun said. "When you are watching it brings up bad things you kind of want to put behind you."

Like Piskoun, Jessica Limberg, whose husband is currently serving in the Marine Corps, hasn't seen "Generation Kill." But she does TiVo Lifetime's "Army Wives" every Sunday.

Limberg, 22, said she has found the show to accurately depict marriage to a serviceman—especially the show's emphasis on the amount of gossip exchanged among army wives. Earlier this year Limberg moved from Aurora to Camp Lejeune, a Marine Corps base in North Carolina, to be with her husband of two years.

Limberg said sometimes she and her husband watch "Army Wives" together. But he doesn't typically nod his head along with the show like she does, she said.

"He just picks it apart," Limberg said. "But he sees it from a Marine perspective. It's two different viewpoints completely." TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

A GLOSSARY

David Simon and Ed Burns, who produced HBO's urban street crime drama "The Wire," also produced "Generation Kill." They rarely explain the dialogue characters use. So here's a guide:

>> **A.O.:** Area of operations; could be as large as Iraq or as small as the ground around a camp.
>> **Charms:** Hard candy given to troops at meals; avoided due to superstition that it's bad luck.
>> **Devil Dog:** A Marine.
>> **Haji:** Adjective describing anything Arabic, taken from the character on cartoon series Jonny Quest.
>> **Oscar Mike:** On the move.
>> **POG:** Person Other Than Grunt; insulting term for anyone who isn't in a recon or infantry unit.

[ST. PETERSBURG TIMES]

BAGHDAD HIGH

On Monday night, HBO was set to air a documentary about everyday life in wartime. "Baghdad High" follows four Iraqi teenagers trying to finish their senior year of high school amid suicide bombings, kidnappings and citywide curfew.

BY THE NUMBERS

At least 4,127 American servicemen have died in Iraq since Operation Iraqi Freedom began in 2003, according to Iraq Coalition Casualty Count's analysis based on information from the Department of Defense. A look at local numbers as of Sunday:

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Illinois military wounded

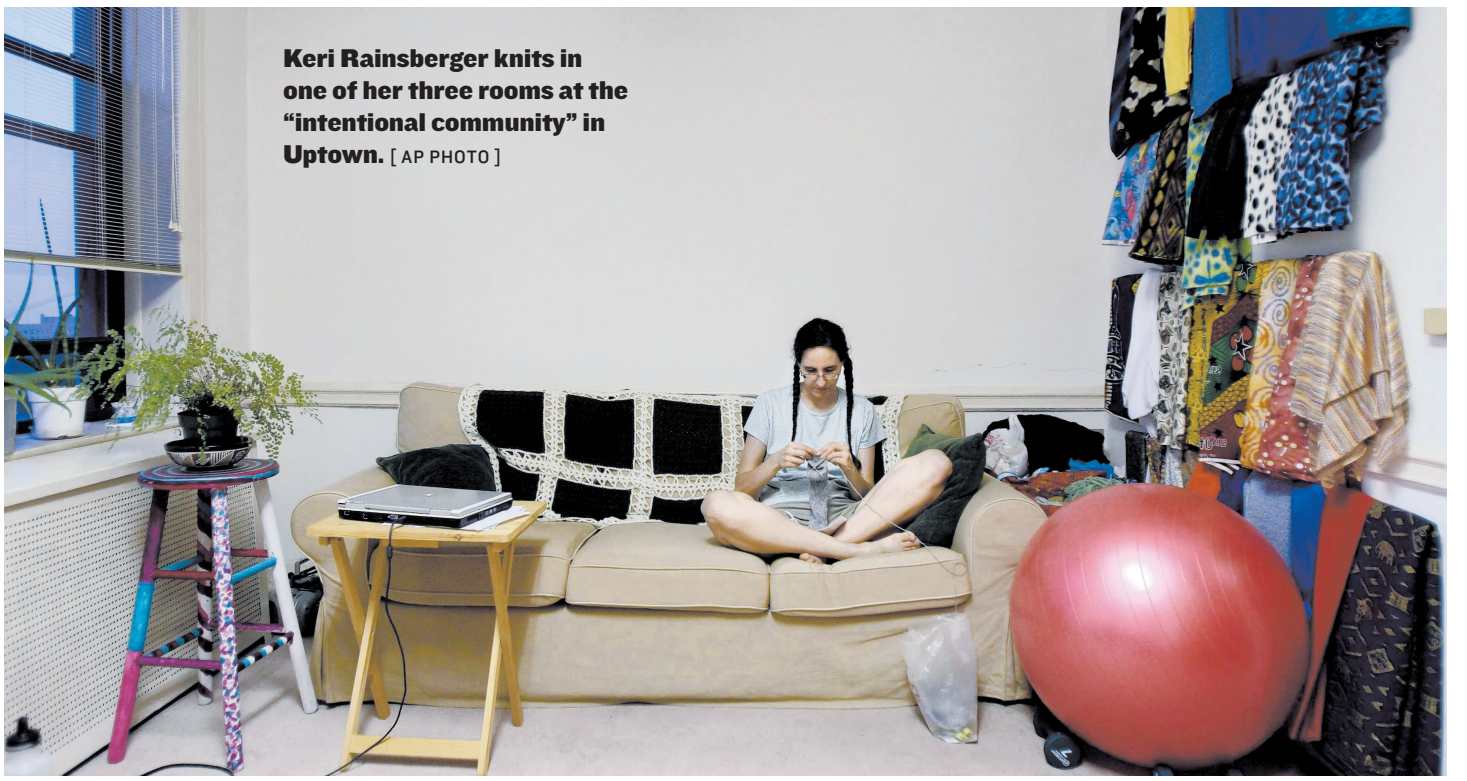
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Keri Rainsberger knits in one of her three rooms at the "intentional community" in Uptown. [AP PHOTO]

G-Rod signs domestic violence law

Associated Press

A newly signed law named for a suburban woman gunned down by an ex-boyfriend outside her office will allow Illinois judges to order domestic violence offenders to wear tracking devices.

Gov. Blagojevich signed the legislation Monday that lets judges order abusers to wear global positioning devices to track their movements so victims can know if they get too close.

The law is named for Cindy Bischof, who was slain in a parking lot in March by an ex-boyfriend who then turned the gun on himself. Bischof's family said she'd inquired about using GPS technology before she was killed after taking numerous steps to try to protect herself.

"My sister Cindy's death shall not be in vain and her legacy will live on forever to help others," Michael Bischof said at the bill-signing ceremony. Bischof has worked since his sister's death pushing lawmakers for stronger laws to protect domestic violence victims.

Under the law, which goes into effect Jan. 1, an abuser can be ordered to wear a tracking device if they've violated a restraining order. Illinois' Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice previously have used GPS to track sex offenders, according to the governor's office.

Cook County Assistant State's Attorney Ketki Steffen, the attorney in Cindy Bischof's case, said tracking devices would increase protections for domestic violence victims.

The law also calls for an additional fine of at least $200 for every penalty when there's a conviction for violating a restraining order.

The money would go to the newly established Domestic Violence Surveillance Fund.

House Republican Leader Tom Cross told those gathered for Monday's event that it was a reminder the General Assembly could work together to impact people's lives in positive ways. Much of the attention as of late has been on feuding between lawmakers and the governor.

"It's become a very frustrating time, today restores a little bit of that faith," Cross said.

THE SIMPLE LIFE

One woman lives on $775 a month in shared space in Uptown

Associated Press

Keri Rainsberger isn't rich. She works in the nonprofit world for a relatively low-profit salary. Yet, as many Americans are scrimping for every penny, she hardly feels the pinch.

She still tithes 10 percent of her income to her church, even as other members have cut back. She rarely worries about rising gas and food prices. And she never bothers to balance her checkbook, because she doesn't come close to spending what she has.

"I live so far below my means that it doesn't really register," says Rainsberger, a 31-year-old Chicagoan with a wiry frame and unusually sunny outlook. "I don't have to think about money."

How is this possible?

For starters, she has no car and commutes by bicycle each workday. She also has no mortgage payment and chooses to live in an "intentional community," a partly shared space where $775 a month covers everything from utilities to meals.

"In one fell swoop, I pay for the roof over my head, the food in my stomach and the lights to read by. That's a big advantage," says Rainsberger, whose high-rise living space is part of the residential program at the Keystone Ecological Urban Center in Uptown. Her private quarters are larger and a bit more expensive than some—about 400 square feet, divided into a sitting room, a craft room and a small bedroom. She shares bathrooms, showers, a kitchen and a large dining room with 28 other residents whose ranks include young professionals, professors and retirees.

"It's like a college dormitory, but with better conversation," she often jokes.

Of course, the concept of sharing resources has been around since the beginning of time and is used today from Amish farms to the Israeli kibbutz. For low-income families, it's often simply a matter of survival.

But those who track consumer habits say a growing need to cut costs, along with a wish to be more environmentally and spiritually conscious, is causing even more people to pool their resources, whether defined as an intentional community or not.

"The economy starts to tank. People get tired of it," says Daniel Howard, an expert in consumer research and behavior at the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University. "It's people saying, 'Let's get together and help one another.' And it works."

Few may have the desire or even the ability to live the Spartan lifestyle that Rainsberger learned from her Depression-era grandmother. Not everyone is willing to bicycle, for instance, in the stifling mugginess of a Chicago summer or the cold, blustery winds that sweep off Lake Michigan in winter.

For those who are willing to spend less on the basics, there's more cash for other things. Lela Philbrook, a 23-year-old singer who lives with Rainsberger in the Uptown center, saves so much money living there that she's able to pay for voice lessons, which cost more each month than her room and board.

"That's huge," Philbrook says. She lives down the hall from her grandmother, a longtime member of the community whose room is a frequent gathering place because she has an air conditioner and wireless Internet access.

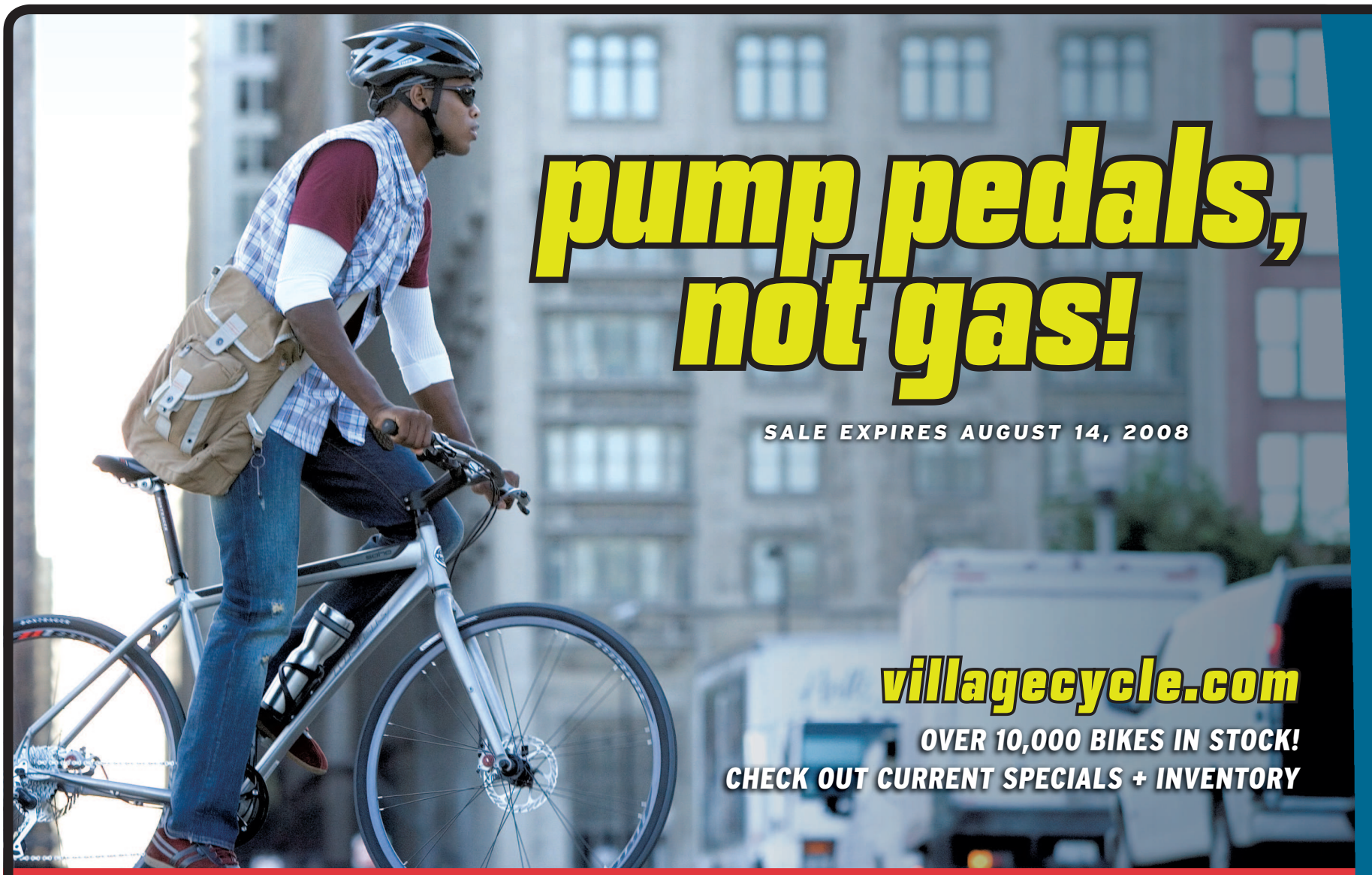
Rainsberger, whose closest family is in Ohio, savors the camaraderie.

"For me, to be able to walk out my door and have everybody in the hall know me, that's a really great experience," she says.

THRIFT SHOPPING

Those who advocate a simpler, less consumer-driven life say there are lessons in the strategies that intentional communities use.

By buying their food in bulk, for instance, residents of the Keystone Ecological Urban Center in Uptown spend $100 to $150 per person each month for meals. The U.S. Department of Agriculture "thrifty plan" for a single person is $200 a month. [AP]



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CRIME WATCH

Teen shot, killed

A Maywood teenager was shot to death early Monday while walking with other teens near his home, police said. Several gunmen walked up to the group and opened fire, said Maywood Police Chief Elvia Williams. Dellivon B. Walker, 15, was pronounced dead at 3:05 a.m. at the Cook County medical examiner's office, said an office spokesman. "On the surface this does not appear to be gang-related," Williams said.

Meter reader robbed at work

A Commonwealth Edison meter reader was robbed at gunpoint while working in the 7400 block of North Ashland Avenue, the power company said Monday. Sunday's robbery happened about 12:30 p.m. as the reader was leaving a building, according to Joe Trost, a spokesman for the utility. The assailant took the worker's cell phone and about $40. Trost said the employee was not injured.

North Kenwood man slain

A 30-year-old man was shot to death Monday on a porch on the South Side, police said. The shooting occurred just after 5 a.m. in the 1100 block of East 47th Street in North Kenwood, said Officer Daniel O'Brien, a police spokesman. Terrance Thomas was taken to Stroger Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 5:50 a.m. O'Brien said the gunman was at large Monday.



Elvis has just left Wrigley: Looks like the King might be dancin' to the jailhouse rock after he was arrested for sliding on the tarp during Monday night's rain delay at Wrigley Field. [NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE PHOTO]

Tornado warnings blow into Chicagoland

A line of severe thunderstorms moved through the Chicago area Monday night, knocking down trees and power lines, and a tornado reportedly touched down in the western suburbs.

A tornado warning that was in effect for Will, DuPage and Cook Counties, including downtown Chicago, expired at 8:45 p.m., but a severe-thunderstorm watch remained in effect until early Tuesday morning, according to the National Weather Service.

Weather service officials said they were compiling multiple damage reports Monday night and had no immediate reports of injuries.

One tornado was spotted near Schiller Park and another was reported to have touched down in Elmhurst, National Weather Service officials said, but Elmhurst police said at about 8:20 p.m. that no tornado touched down in the suburb.

About 8 p.m. in downtown Chicago, a calm, warm, humid evening turned into a frightening lashing of wind and strong rains.

Tornado sirens could be heard at Wrigley Field, where the Cubs game was delayed because of the heavy rain and frequent flashes of lightning.

Thousands of fans attending the game were evacuated to the stadium's concourse. Officials warned fans through a public address system and on the scoreboard to get into the lower levels of the stadium.

As of 8:30 p.m. there were no confirmed sightings of a tornado within the city limits, said Jennifer Martinez, a spokeswoman for the Office of Emergency Management, but the tornado sirens were activated because of the storm's severity.

Wild weather

>> A window reportedly broke on the 40th floor of the Hancock Building. Chestnut Street and Michigan Avenue were closed to traffic.

>> Flooded streets were reported in suburbs from Tinley Park to Elgin.

>> Tornado sirens could be heard in several Chicago neighborhoods.

>> Winds of 94 mph were reported 3 miles offshore in Lake Michigan.

>> The weather halted flights at both Chicago airports, according to the city's Department of Aviation. During the tornado warning, O'Hare travelers were moved to a lower level at the terminals, officials said. More than 350 flights were canceled at O'Hare.

>> At Wrigley, the tarp came out at 7:39 p.m. with the Cubs trailing the Houston Astros 2-0 in the sixth inning.

>> In Bourbonnais, a tornado warning forced the Bears to halt their practice at about 8:30 p.m. and clear the stadium.

Student loan relief could be on the way

Andrew Vrabel started working as a Cook County assistant state's attorney in 2004, but he resigned after almost four years as a prosecutor largely for financial reasons.

"I left primarily because of the huge amount of school loans hanging over my head," Vrabel said Monday.

His student loan payments increased, Vrabel said, but his salary didn't keep pace.

But relief for county prosecutors or assistant public defenders could be on its way. Last week, Congress passed legislation that would forgive up to $10,000-a-year in student loan debts for those in these often low-paying public service jobs. Lawyers would have to commit to a minimum of three years as prosecutors or public defenders to qualify for the incentives. A maximum of $60,000 could be forgiven under the plan.

GO FIGURE

The average debt load of a law school graduate totals from $50,000 to $90,000, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin said. Yet the median starting salary for state and local prosecutors and public defenders is about $45,000, he said. By comparison, private law firms pay a starting salary of as much as $160,000.

At a news conference in downtown Chicago, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), who sponsored the federal bill, said he is confident President Bush will sign the legislation.

Even current local or state prosecutors and assistant public defenders would qualify to have some of their law school debts paid by the government under the legislation.

"The debt forgiveness option would be retroactive," said Christina Angarola, a spokeswoman for Durbin. "This will be used as a retaining tool just as much as a recruiting tool."

Search continues in teenager's drowning

Two days after 13-year-old Raphael Palomar was pulled under the water of Lake Michigan while swimming with his family off an Indiana beach, authorities Monday continued their search for the Chicago teen's body.

Officials from several agencies continued to periodically search the lake and shore near Porter Beach, adjacent to Indiana Dunes State Park, though Indiana Department of Natural Resources Lt. Jerry Shepherd said that the teen is presumed to have drowned.

"All it is, is waiting to see when the body comes up and trying to be there when it does," Shepherd said.

Despite threatening gray skies and the weekend's grim accident, dozens of beachgoers still flocked to the shoreline Monday. The only unusual sight was a group of binocular-bearing volunteers from the National Weather Service Skywarn program, who sat on a picnic table and scanned the water for any sign of the teen.

Robert Stormer, one of the volunteers, said that the second drowning of a Chicago teen along the Indiana lake shore in the last month underlines the importance of following beach advisories.

"When the beaches are closed and the signs of dangerous riptides are posted, don't go in the water," Stormer said.

Palomar was swimming with family members when he was pulled underwater about 1:20 p.m. Saturday. Porter Beach has no lifeguards on duty, and a warning about rip currents had caused officials to close the Indiana Dunes beach when Palomar disappeared.

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1 Trashy tale

A man works Monday at a waste plant in Cologne, Germany, where tons of trash was brought in from Naples, Italy. Tons of thousands of tons of trash has been piling up for months in Naples, and officials are looking for places to ship it.



[GETTY IMAGES PHOTO]

2 Edouard churns

Residents along the Texas and Louisiana coasts prepared Monday for Tropical Storm Edouard, which was rolling through the warm waters of the Gulf and threatening to reach near-hurricane strength before making landfall.

No more aid

Starting in July 2009, some of the nation's worst sex offenders will no longer be eligible to receive generous educational financial aid packages while they are confined in treatment centers under a bill approved by Congress.

3 Salad mix-up

A British celebrity chef says he's sorry for mistakenly recommending a deadly plant as a tasty salad ingredient to a magazine. Anthony Worrall Thompson says he meant to suggest using fat hen, a member of the spinach family, not henbane.

4 Climbers rescued

A helicopter plucked two frostbitten Dutch climbers from K2 on Monday after an avalanche left at least 11 people presumed dead on the world's second-highest mountain.

Sorority obsession?

Bruce Ivins, the top suspect in the 2001 anthrax attacks, was long obsessed with sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma, which sat less than 100 yards away from a New Jersey mailbox where the toxin-laced letters were sent, authorities said Monday.

5 Another tiger attack

Three tigers attacked a worker at an exotic animal park in Branson, Mo., on Monday—the state's second tiger attack in as many days.

6 Officer acquitted

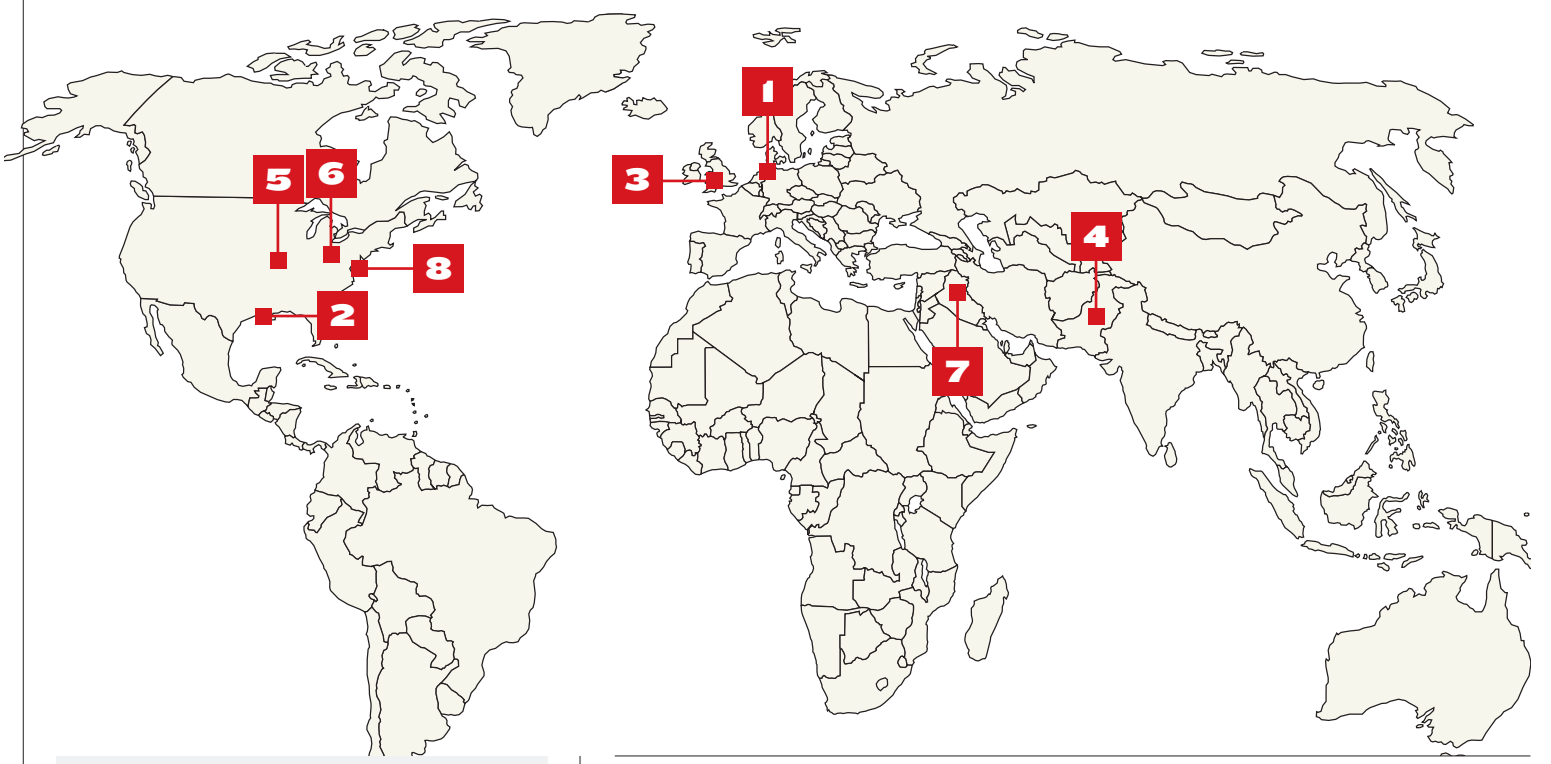
An Ohio jury has acquitted a white police officer in the shooting death of an unarmed black woman who was holding a child. The shooting in January shook the city of Lima and touched off protests.



Kiss of thanks

7 **BAQUBA, Iraq** An Iraqi police commando is kissed by a woman Monday while participating in a house-to-house search during a military operation in the city. Four top Al Qaeda-linked operatives were captured in Iraq's volatile Diyala province during a series of raids over the weekend, the Iraqi military said.

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PRICES TAKING OFF

As if flying didn't cost enough, now, depending on which airline you fly, you may pay more for things you assume will be free. Here's a look at some of the sky-high numbers.

$2 Cost for sodas, juices and bottled water on US Airways flights.

$1 Cost for coffee and tea on US Airways.

$7 Cold? Stiff neck? Need a blanket and pillow? JetBlue has done away with recycled blankets and pillows and has started offering an "eco-friendly" travel blanket and pillow that can be purchased on flights longer than two hours.

Bill Clinton: I never made a racist comment

8 **WASHINGTON, D.C.** Bill Clinton, who had traveled to Rwanda for his private foundation's work to fight AIDS, charged that news organizations applied "a different standard" to his wife, Sen. Hillary Clinton. But when asked about it an interview broadcast Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America," the former president said that spending time on such recriminations "interferes with the issue, which is who should be elected in November."

"I bragged on Sen. Obama hundreds of times," he said. "Now, I will be glad, as soon as this election is over in January, to have this conversation with you and everybody else. I have very strong feelings about it."

Clinton cut a controversial profile throughout the Democratic delegate-selection process, championing his wife's cause and vehemently defending her on the campaign trail.

Asked in the interview whether he blames himself for his wife's loss, Clinton replied, "I've heard it from the press and I will not comment on it. ... There are things I wished I said. Things I wished I hadn't said, but I am not a racist. I never made a racist comment and I didn't attack him personally."

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What's that say? The script you're reading is "Beijing Olympic Games" in Mandarin. On Page 15, it reads "Olympic" Hits. Look for other Chinese symbols throughout RedEye's coverage of the Summer Games, including an Olympic preview in Friday's edition.

OLYMPIC ALSO-RANS

GIVE THESE SPORTS A SHOT AT THE SPOTLIGHT

The Washington Post

The Olympics are just a few days away, and we hope everyone is ready for wall-to-wall coverage of ... all that smog. Of course, there also will be as much coverage of sports like basketball, sprinting and swimming as folks can handle. But one of the fun things about watching the Games is the chance to check out more obscure sports, ones that otherwise rarely, if ever, see the light of day on American TV. Such as ...

<< WATER POLO

Olympic TV viewers will be herded like sheep into watching the likes of Michael Phelps and Dara Torres swimming one lap after another. We say, baaaah humbug. We'll be checking out water polo, where attaining a world-class level of fitness is just the start. You have to be incredibly tough, too, because shots to the head, ribs and, yes, groin just keep coming. Plenty of sports have fouls, but how many have "brutality fouls"? In one recent newspaper article, a physician for the U.S. team was likened to a corner man in boxing. And that was a physician for the women's team. Play resembles that of basketball, except they're treading water that whole time, entirely with their legs so as to keep their hands ready for a pass and to fend off a defender's Charles Oakley treatment.



VANJA UDOVICIC OF SERBIA
[GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO]

OLYMPIC NUMBERS

Breaking down the Summer Games.

[ST. PETERSBURG TIMES]

1972 U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps will try to break Mark Spitz's record set in 1972 of seven golds at one Games by competing in eight events. If Phelps wins any medal in each event, he will have the second-most medals in Games history.

596 Members of the U.S. team, including women's soccer player Heather Mitts.

639 Members of the Chinese team, including 110-meter hurdler Liu Xiang.

$25K Amount the U.S. Olympic Committee gives athletes for gold-medal wins.

401 Athletes Southern Cal has sent to the Games since 1904, more than any other American college.

32 Approximate number of foreign-born members of the U.S. team.



France's Veronique Pecqueux-Rolland
[GETTY FILE PHOTO]

<< HANDBALL

Team handball is all but unknown in this country, but it's HUGE on the other side of the Atlantic, a fact underscored by NBC's Olympics Web site, which foresees the men's medals being won by Croatia, France and Denmark and the women's by Norway, Russia and Romania. But handball isn't just for Europhiles, it's for anyone who wants to see a fast-paced game full of leaping, acrobatic moves. By people from Europe.



American Erin Blanchard
[AP FILE PHOTO]

COSTLY GAMES

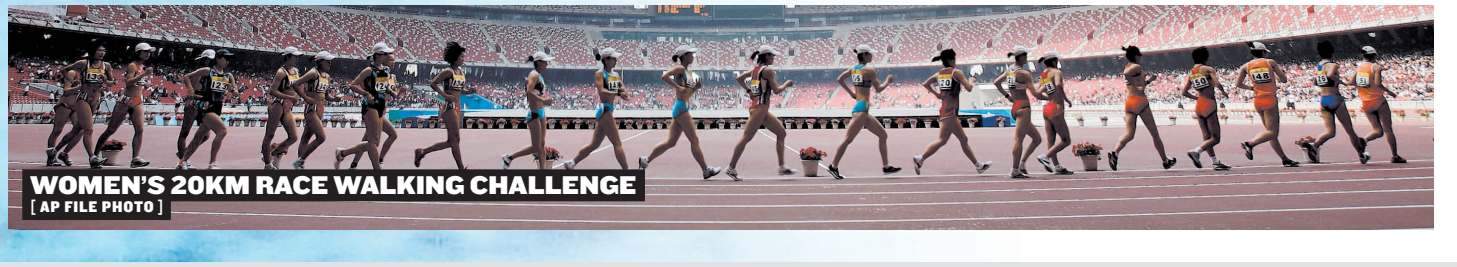
How much has China spent to stage the Summer Olympics?

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(1) $4.3 billion
(2) $14.3 billion
(3) $34 billion
(4) $43 billion
(5) $54.3 billion

>> RACEWALKING

These athletes really take to heart Casey Kasem's advice to "Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars." The fact that they have to keep one foot (or at least a toe) on the track at all times while otherwise moving as fast as possible makes this a sport straight out of the Ministry of Silly Walks. But darn it if these ground-bound go-getters don't reach for those stars! [REDEYE CONTRIBUTED.]



WOMEN'S 20KM RACE WALKING CHALLENGE
[AP FILE PHOTO]

<< TRAMPOLINE

Wow, this is one of the Games? What's great about this backyard sport event is that competitors have no time limit. Get comfortable; this could take a while.

REDEYE READER OLYMPICS

Get answers to your questions about the Beijing Games *and* compete with other readers at the same time. Each day three readers will get their names and questions printed in RedEye along with a gold, silver and bronze "medals" for their creative queries. We'll keep a medal count. Send your questions to **redeyesports@tribune.com**.

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Events added to the Summer Games since 2004:

>> Men's & women's 10-kilometer open-water swim
>> Men's and women's BMX racing in cycling
>> Women's team sabre and team foil in fencing
>> Men's and women's team table tennis
>> Women's steeplechase in track and field

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Events subtracted since 2004 Summer Games:

>> Men's 1K & women's 500m cycling time trials
>> Mistral & women's Laser Radial 1-person dinghy in sailing
>> Men's 10m running target pistol shooting
>> Women's double trap shotgun
>> Doubles in men's and women's table tennis

奥 HITS

TV buzz builds for Beijing

The Beijing Summer Olympics—featuring impossible feats in sports popular with Americans—just might become the most-watched Olympics ever televised from a foreign country, a record previously held by the 2004 Athens Games.

Nobody expects the ratings of the Beijing Games to top past Olympics held on U.S. soil, but expectations are high. And NBC's ad revenue is already up $30 million over the Athens Games.

The opening ceremony, featuring fireworks and 15,000 performers, comes Friday, with sports events revving up Saturday and continuing for two weeks. The buzz over Beijing has become nearly deafening, and TV viewers are planning their lives accordingly.

NBC will have 3,600 hours of coverage spread out on its broadcast and cable networks and its Web site (**nbcolympics.com**).

With the economy in a slump and gas prices high, many people are sticking close to home, perhaps giving the Olympics extra appeal.

"Watching the Olympics is one of those highly desirable shared experiences at a time when the audience is getting more and more fragmented," said Robert Thompson, director of Syracuse University's Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture.

"America is really ready for this," said NBC Sports Chairman Dick Ebersol via satellite from Beijing recently. "This is not exactly a joyful time in America right now. The audience suffers from paucity of scripted shows, but they're about to get some very real unscripted drama. The Olympics is the ultimate reality show." [COX NEWS SERVICE]

>> The U.S. Olympic committee asked a federal judge Monday for the second time to shut down a Web site it alleges is fraudulently selling tickets to the Beijing Games. Lawyers for the USOC asked the judge Monday to permanently disable **beijingticketing.com**, which they contend has scammed numerous U.S. residents by falsely promising to deliver tickets to the games starting Friday. The site was apparently disabled Monday, but lawyers want the court order to make the take down permanent.

>> The Olympics are coming to YouTube. The Olympic content will reach 77 territories where digital rights have not been sold, or have been acquired on a non-exclusive basis, the International Olympic Committee said Monday. The package from Beijing will include highlights, news and daily clips of the competitions and will be directed primarily to Africa, Asia and the Middle East. [AP]

FIVE ON FIVE

Can't catch the Cubs on Tuesday or Wednesday? Join "From the Cubicle," **chicagosports.com**'s interactive play-by-play at 1:20 p.m. both days. Sign up for Five on Five at **redeyechicago.com/fiveonfive**.



Tracy Swartz



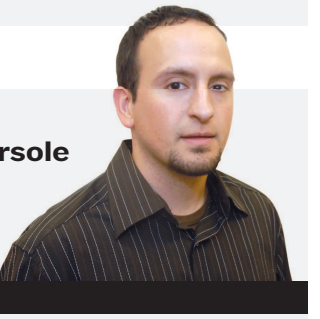
Rahula Strohl



Phillip Thompson



Jimmy Greenfield



Leo Ebersole

TOPIC 1: MAKE UP BRETT FAVRE'S ITINERARY FOR TUESDAY.

He'll don some flip-flops and a big bull's-eye, maybe like a tramp-stamp.

1. Bask in fans' love.
2. Avoid bullet of assassin hired by Aaron Rodgers.

8 a.m.: Breakfast. 9:30: Watch teammates do sit-ups. Noon: Nap. 2 p.m.: Retire. 2:01: Unretire.

9:01 a.m.: Destroy Aaron Rodgers' life. 9:04 a.m.: Consider retirement.

1 p.m.: Throw interception to kill key drive and prove to team you haven't changed.

TOPIC 2: WHY WOULD A PLAYER CHOOSE TO LEAVE THE NBA TO PLAY OVERSEAS?

Overseas, it doesn't look weird paying strippers in coins.

Over $1.50 to the Euro? Female exchange students looking for tour guides? Sign me up.

If you're Zach Randolph, what better way to fight extradition?

Even NBA players hate NBA refs.

For starters, you can get Gucci bedsheets at factory-direct prices.

TOPIC 3: WHAT ARE THE 'BEER OLYMPICS'?

Can't beat the Vinter Olympics: Goldschlager, Dos Lunas Silver Tequila, bronzer (for jaundice).

You don't know? Communist.

It's a chug of war in Brew York City. ... Don't blame me, blame Google.

The Bourbon and Hooker Olympics for children.

Three events: Caps, beer pong, flip-cup time trials. As it was in ancient Greece.

TOPIC 4: HOW WOULD WATCHING THE OLYMPICS ON YOUTUBE BE DIFFERENT THAN TV?

The Olympians would have a shot at fame on YouTube. TV is just a turnoff.

You might actually watch live sports instead of a series of sappy tear-jerker stories.

Buffering will cost a few sprinters new speed records.

You have to have smaller eyes to watch it on YouTube.

Exactly the same, except the bronze medalist in fencing has to duel Chad Vader to the death.

TOPIC 5: SOME ACCUSED ERIN ANDREWS OF WEARING A SKIMPY OUTFIT IN THE CUBS' CLUBHOUSE. THOUGHTS?

Gators always know how to show off their talent.

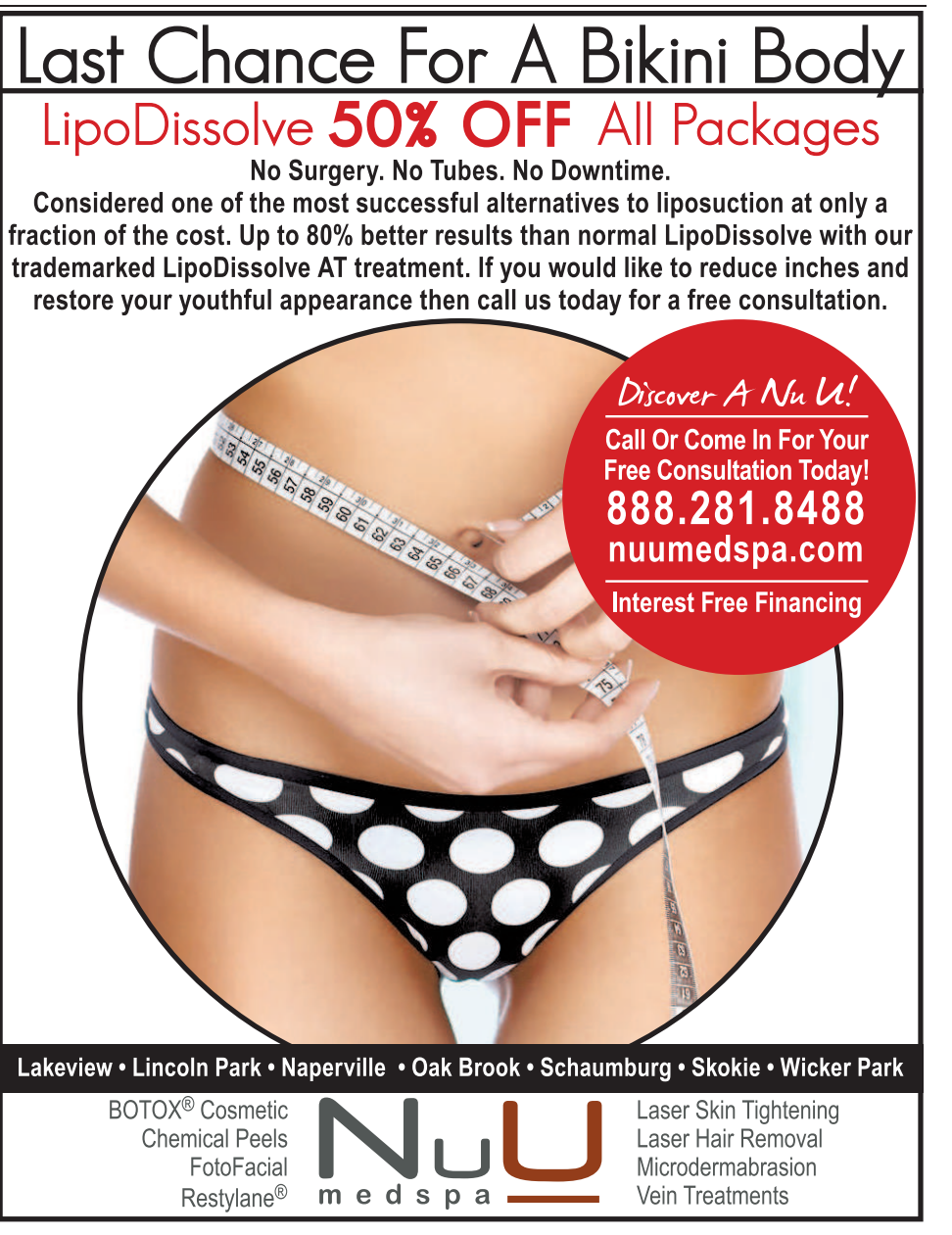
Accused? Or complimented?

New rule: If Lou Piniella wearing the same outfit would make you go blind, then it's off limits.

That's so sexist. And just because she was dressed like Paris Hilton.

If that's a crime, then throw me in jail, constable. ... But maybe not the "Oz" jail.





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HOMETOWN HITS

In the wake of Sunday's Sox-Royals brawl, baseball is investigating White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen's comments, including an apparent threat when he said, "Be ready for the warning because I signed a five-year deal with this club, and we're going to play Kansas City a lot."

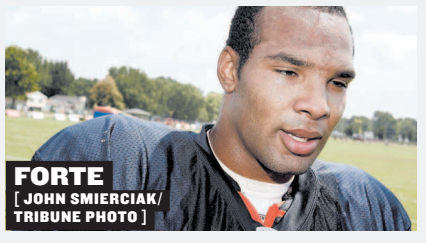
NEXT SERIES

vs. Detroit

- **Tuesday:** 7:11 p.m., CSN.
  LH Nate Robertson (5-8, 6.06)
  vs. RH Gavin Floyd (11-6, 3.43)
- **Wednesday:** 7:11 p.m., CSN.
  RH Justin Verlander (8-11, 4.49)
  vs. LH John Danks (8-4, 3.31)
- **Thursday:** 7:11 p.m., WCIU.
  RH Zach Miner (5-4, 3.77)
  vs. RH Javier Vazquez (8-9, 4.66)

Notre Dame will investigate possible school code violations after the Web site The Big Lead posted photos Monday that appear to depict QB Jimmy Clausen, teammates Brian Smith and James Aldridge and one other individual attending what the site labeled "Beer Olympics."

Deron Williams will be the first Illinois basketball player to have his jersey lifted to the rafters of Assembly Hall, the school said Monday.



FORTE [JOHN SMIERCIAK/ TRIBUNE PHOTO]

Rookie RB Matt Forte is scheduled to start against the Kansas City Chiefs in Thursday's exhibition.



Dawn Wilde on Monday makes a sign showing her support for Brett Favre as she waits outside the players lot at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. [AP PHOTO]

Favre from over

There was no parade, no motorcade, and no photo opportunity. If QB Brett Favre did report to the Packers as expected Monday, none of the fans and media members staking out several entrances to Lambeau Field managed to catch a glimpse of him. The team announced Monday afternoon that Favre had been reinstated and returned to the Packers' active roster.

>> Sports trading card company Topps recently put out two new Favre cards: The playing card for the QB includes the late Vince Lombardi in the background; the retirement card features Brett Favre on a tractor.

The Cell among best no-meat eats

U.S. Cellular Field made the list, but for the second consecutive year, the menu at Philadelphia's Citizens Bank Ballpark was named the most vegetarian-friendly Monday by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

The faux Philly steak was among the items that landed the Phillies' ballpark in first place last year, along with meat-free subs and wraps and veggie dogs and burgers. Now the stadium has added crab-free crab cake and a mock chicken sandwich.

San Francisco's AT&T Park placed second again this year. The home of the Giants features a portobello mushroom sandwich, vegetarian sushi and the vegetarian cha cha bowl, which is filled with black beans, rice and pineapple salsa.

Rounding out the top five were Seattle's Safeco Field, San Diego's PETCO Park and U.S. Cellular Field, home of the White Sox.



WOOD [BONNIE TRAFELET/ TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO]

>> Kerry Wood is expected to come off the DL on Tuesday, certainly no later than Wednesday. Though when he does return, Wood will not do so as the closer, at least not immediately.

>> The Cubs game against the Houston Astros at Wrigley Field was delayed by rain in the sixth inning and did not finish before press time. Visit **chicagosports.com** for full coverage.

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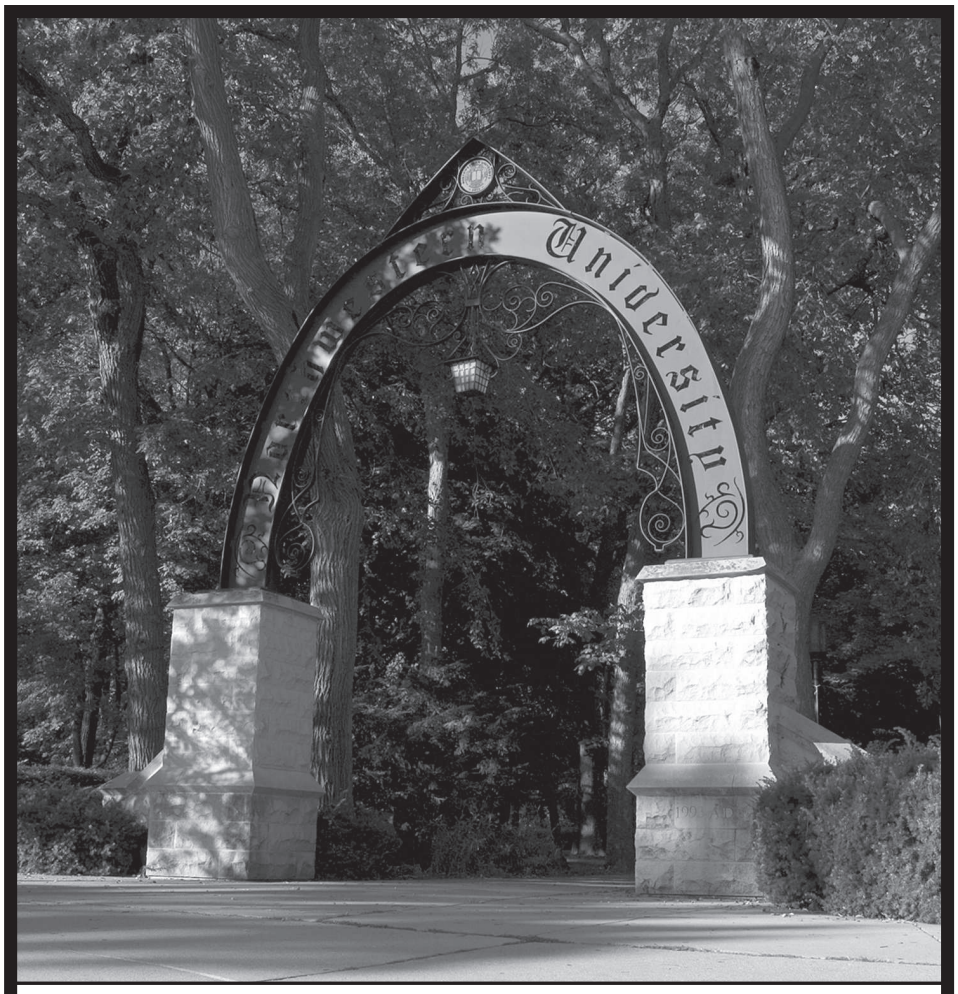
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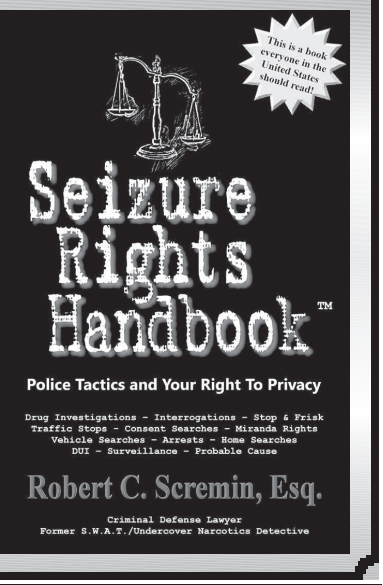
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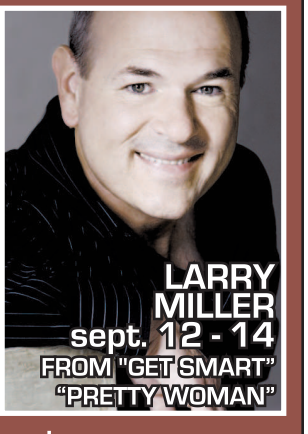
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Roll with it

6 new spots to get your sushi fix

By Emily Hiser Lobdell

Remember the days when you could count the number of good sushi restaurants in the city on one hand? Now you can't go a few blocks without running into a place that serves the stuff—even spots that aren't strictly sushi-focused are getting into the game. These six spots are just a sampling of the latest additions to Chicago's sushi scene.


DIOSA ON THE RIVER

Diosa on the River
11 W. RIVERWALK SOUTH
312-345-9001

The city's recent efforts to build out the Riverwalk resulted in several new seasonal spots, including this cute cafe from chef-owner Alan Yuen, who's also behind Logan Square's Friendship Chinese Restaurant. Yuen took inspiration from Vincent Van Gogh's "Cafe Terrace at Night" when designing the outdoor-only space, which features a string of umbrella-topped tables overlooking the river. The dinner menu offers French-influenced Asian fare, as well as about 10 maki and eight sashimi options. Sushi combos are available too.

Try it: Diosa on the River House Maki, with unagi, salmon, cream cheese, avocado, mushroom and cucumber ($15.95)

Ajasteak
660 N. STATE ST.
312-202-6000

Swanky Ajasteak (pronounced "Asia-steak") opened six weeks ago in River North's new Dana Hotel. While steaks are the main draw, the upper-level sushi bar—suspended so that it appears to float over the modern dining room—turns out premium sushi (at premium prices). Ajasteak's sushi also will make the menu at the Dana's new lounge, Vertigo, debuting later this month.

Try it: Contemporary Salmon Maki, with wild salmon, mango, avocado and lemon ($14)

Inari Sushi
7428 W. NORTH AVE.,
ELMWOOD PARK
708-583-2300

This 2-month-old spot is Elmwood Park's first bona fide sushi restaurant, and it's creating quite a stir. Owner Angelo Lollino, who also owns neighboring Italian eatery Massa, had some ace help launching Inari—his cousin Franco Gianni owns Tank in Lincoln Square—and it shows. The Japanese-influenced menu features entrees, appetizers and tempura in addition to a sprawling sushi lineup that includes nearly 30 maki, plus nigiri, sashimi and a handful of combo plates.

Try it: Black Dragon Roll, with lobster tempura, asparagus tempura, cream cheese and avocado, topped with unagi and black tobiko ($16)

Rollapalooza
3344 N. HALSTED ST.
773-281-6400

This Boystown BYOB fits right in on the happening Halsted Street strip with its glittering sign and modern decor. As you might guess based on the wacky name, the menu is pretty much all rolls all the time, plus a few chirashi sushi options. There's minimal seating, so it's a good idea to just (ahem) roll in and out with your carryout order.

Try it: Signature Roll, with crab meat, cream cheese, tuna, salmon, yellowtail, onion and special sauce ($11)

Shochu
3313 N. CLARK ST.
773-348-3313

Shochu chef-partner Josh Hansen thinks Lakeview could use more late-night eats, so he keeps the kitchen at his hip new spot open until 1 a.m.—the bar even later. Though the 3-month-old spot focuses mostly on Asian-inspired small plates, there's also a sushi menu featuring about 20 maki and nigiri options, including a few that incorporate nontraditional ingredients such as smoked duck, bacon and pate.

Try it: Lobster and Mizuna Maki with truffle mayonnaise ($12)

Hub 51
51 W. HUBBARD ST.
312-828-0051

With a globetrotting menu that offers everything from burgers to tacos to roasted chicken, this new River North spot definitely isn't a sushi restaurant. But owners R.J. and Jerrod Melman didn't overlook much when putting together the menu, so you'll find seven rolls on the menu alongside appetizers such as nachos and ceviche. Many diners order maki to start before moving on to heartier fare.

Try it: Miso-glazed Salmon Roll ($13)


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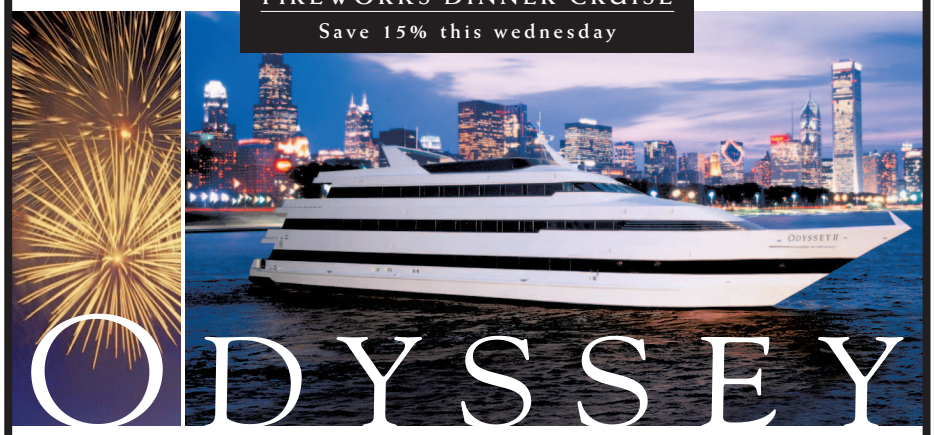
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NEXT STOP, RIO
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TUE 8/5

Lose yourself

Dare to dream with other long-suffering Cubs fans at **The Lovable Losers Literary Revue**, a monthly series in which local performers celebrate—and mourn—the team's 100-year losing streak with readings, historical reenactments, trivia contests, songs and more. Tuesday features **cubs.com** reporter Carrie Muskat, writer Don DeGrazia, comedian Marty Gangler and pop band The Cleaning Ladys. Soak your sorrows in $3 beers and complimentary nachos. 7:30 p.m. No cover. El Jardin Restaurant, 3335 N. Clark St. 773-528-6775.

Get reel

The Chicago Park District's **Movies in the Park** series continues through Aug. 30, so prep your picnic basket for screenings throughout city green spaces. Tuesday's line-up includes "Bee Movie" (Graver Park, 1518 W. 102nd Pl.); "The Great Debaters" (Erie Park, 630 N. Kingsbury St.); and "Transformers" (Koscuiszko Park, 2732 N. Avers Ave.). Free. 312-742-7529.

WED 8/6

Any way you slice it

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THU 8/7

Rio deal

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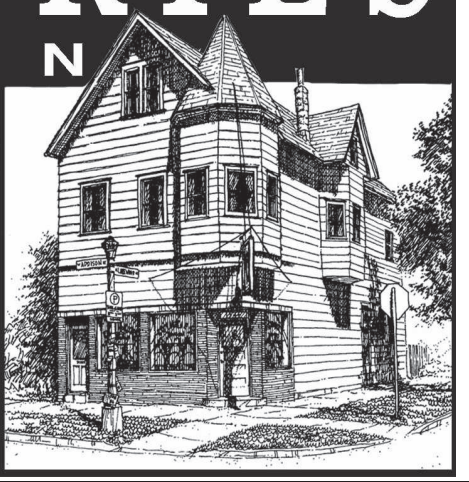
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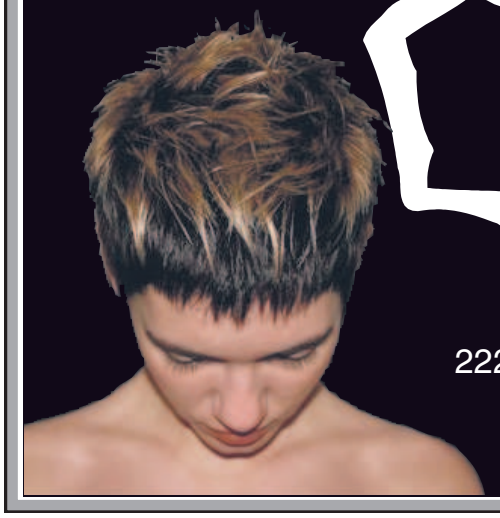
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Celtic Music Seisiun
7 p.m. Free. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. 847-864-1679.

Chico Banks
9:30 p.m. $10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

Dee Alexander Quartet
8 and 10 p.m. $10. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

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9 p.m. $6. The Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

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9:30 p.m. Free. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

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9 p.m. Free. Red Line Tap, 7006 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-274-5463.

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8:30 p.m. $8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. **housecallent.com**

James Conway and Friends
6:30 p.m. Free. Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside Ave. 312-742-7511.



TOUCH O' TWANG **Country-rock crooner and former Gear Daddies singer Martin Zellar plays Schubas with New York indie rockers Hugo.**

Joe Barr, Joanna Connor
9:30 p.m. $12. Kingston Mines, 2548 N. Halsted St. 773-477-4646.

John Zamojcin
8 p.m. Free. Redhead Piano Bar, 16 W. Ontario St. 312-640-1000.

Linsey Alexander Blues Band with Nellie Travis
9 p.m. $8. Blue Chicago at Ohio, 536 N. Clark St. 312-661-0100.

Martin Zellar, Hugo
9 p.m. $15. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

Mike Wheeler
8:30 p.m. Free. Harlem Avenue Lounge, 3701 Harlem Ave., Berwyn. 708-484-3610.

Nicholas Barron
8 p.m. Free. Morseland, 1218 W. Morse Ave. 773-764-8900.

The Paxills, The New Affair, Ben Abney
8:30 p.m. $7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

Pete Galanis Band with Marty Sammon
9:30 p.m. $7. Rosa's Lounge, 3420 W. Armitage Ave. 773-342-0452.

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7:30 p.m. $52-$227. The Sears Centre, 5333 Prairie Stone Pkwy., Hoffman Estates. 888-732-7784.

Scott Anderson's Nia Quintet
10 p.m. Free. Morseland, 1218 W. Morse Ave. 773-764-8900.

She & Him, Becky Stark
7:30 p.m. $22. Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 312-559-1212.

Tributosaurus
8 p.m. $15. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

Corey Wilkes (Tuesdays on the Terrace)
5:30 p.m. Free. Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-397-4010.

Willie Davis and the Allstars
9:30 p.m. $7. B.L.U.E.S., 2519 N. Halsted St. 773-528-1012.

Yndi Halda, Oceans
9:30 p.m. $7. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

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9 p.m. $10. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.





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Wanted: Mix CDs

That's the way to actress and She & Him singer Zooey Deschanel's heart

By Matt Pais
METROMIX

Early on in the video for She & Him's "Why Do You Let Me Stay Here?" singer Zooey Deschanel collapses into a pool of cartoon blood. The ghost version of Deschanel then does everything from sidestepping in cowboy boots to using a cartoon axe to chop off the heads of four stationary versions of herself.

From other artists, this might appear twisted. But even the presence of darkness appears immensely charming from the 28-year-old singer/actress, who's starred in films such as "The Happening" and "Elf" and expanded her indie cred by forming She & Him with singer-guitarist Matt Ward (otherwise known as M. Ward).

A day before leaving L.A. to head out on tour, Deschanel spoke to Metromix about keeping it real on stage and being the 95th hottest woman in the world.



[GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO]

She & Him
When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave.

The album sounds old-fashioned, like you should be traveling the country in a covered wagon, not a plane or bus. Have you considered that?

[Laughs] Wow, that'd be interesting. If it meant doing some pioneer re-enactment and solidarity of people who founded ... especially the west of our country, yeah, I guess I'd be down.

How would you describe your voice?

I have trouble describing myself because I'm always suspicious of people who start describing themselves. I'm like, "OK, why are you trying to tell me what you are?" It's really hard because it sounds different inside my head than it sounds recorded. I use my voice as an instrument to express emotion.

You've expressed shyness over sharing your songs in the past. Are you shy in concert?

I always felt more comfortable on stage than I did in real life. I kind of have an aversion to affect in a lot of ways. I'm not up there trying to be some rock star, which I find a little bit creepy when people aren't authentically that way and then they get up there. ... I never really felt stage fright. In terms of shyness, I might seem shy because ... it's not really my intention to do anything other than share the music.

You wound up as No. 95 on Maxim Hot 100 list. What was your reaction?

I was just surprised, I guess. Because I thought you had to pose in underwear or something to get that.

What are the most impassioned responses you've had from fans?

It's hard to think of myself that way. I'm kind of a regular girl. I don't know. Sometimes people have made me mix CDs. I'm always really excited when I get a mix CD, so I'm like, "Keep 'em coming, guys!"

Always a good way to a girl's heart.

Yeah! At South by Southwest, three or four people came up to me and were like, "I came all the way from Tulsa, and I have a mix CD for you!"

Did you fall in love immediately?

No, it was a girl. But if it had been a boy ...

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RedEye asked readers to weigh in on Lollapalooza via text question, and you pulled through. Here are the results.

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C: 17 percent
D: 5.7 percent
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Is it time to vent?

Getting things off your chest can sometimes do more harm than good

Los Angeles Times

In the aftermath of the April 16, 2007, fatal shootings of 32 students and faculty at Virginia Tech, psychiatrist Keith Ablow was simply voicing conventional wisdom on NBC's "Today" when he suggested students talk about the tragedy, get it off their chest, if you will. The line of thinking is popular: When something bad happens, vent.

"The common assumption is that in order to successfully cope with a traumatic or disturbing event, people need to talk about it, to express their feelings," says Mark Seery, psychologist at the University of Buffalo. "And if they don't, they're suppressing true feelings and that will cause problems down the road."

But, Seery says, that has not been proved true for all people in all circumstances.

His most recent research, in the August issue of Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, shows that after a large-scale traumatic event, such as the 9/11 terrorist attacks, quickly talking about one's emotions isn't necessarily for the best.

"In the immediate aftermath of a collective trauma, it's perfectly healthy to not want to express your thoughts and feelings," he says.

In fact, it can do more harm than good.

Some people have periods of what psychologists call "healthy denial." They cope by promising themselves to think about it tomorrow. Being pushed to give voice to their worst reactions too soon could embed the worst of it in memory and cause them to dwell on the tragedy. And if they can't or won't talk, urging them to act against their instincts could make them think that something is wrong with them.

"In the immediate aftermath of a collective trauma, it's perfectly healthy to not want to express your thoughts and feelings."
Mark Seery, psychologist at the University of Buffalo

9/11 silence OK

Mark Seery's study confirmed the foolishness of requiring instant emoting from witnesses to a disaster. Focusing on responses to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, he surveyed 2,138 people online at intervals over two years. Part of an existing marketing panel, the volunteers were asked on Sept. 12, 2001, if they wanted to talk about the attacks. About 25 percent, or 579 people, chose not to respond to the e-mail prompt. Follow-up surveys at two weeks, then every six months for two years, found that those who had nothing to say online after the attacks had better psychological functioning over the next two years. "In particular, they had lower risk of symptoms of PTSD," Seery says. "Not wanting to talk didn't predict any negative effects or delayed reaction." [L.A. TIMES]

The new study is in line with other mental health research that suggests that some things are better left temporarily unsaid—at least for some people.

Those who immediately talk about the trauma of an attack or a tornado can find, as often as not, that airing it doesn't change the memory and fails to bring relief.

In his bereavement research, James Pennebaker, chair of psychology at the University of Texas at Austin, found that choosing not to express feelings in the face of a death reflected resilience, rather than vulnerability.

Pennebaker's research examines expressive emoting, and research results on bereavement and trauma often overlap.

"Rubbing people's noses in their miserable experiences immediately after is probably bad for a significant number of people," Pennebaker says.

It's after the dust of the initial shock has settled that talking about it can help. Taking pen to paper, to explore feelings, can be an equally good outlet, especially when people find themselves thinking obsessively about a trauma.

But it helps only if thoughts go forward, not round and round.

"Thinking can become rumination, going from A to B and back to A to B," says Sonja Lyubomirsky, psychologist at the University of California, Riverside, and author of "The How of Happiness." "People ruminate about negative things, and they get more pessimistic."

Most of the hundreds of people he has studied who have been through a traumatic experience are able to speak or write themselves toward a deeper understanding of what happened.

"What I've loved about this work is that I think people are naturally their own best therapists," he says.



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Debunking debriefing

Los Angeles Times

Despite a lack of proof that expressing feelings right away is good, the U.S. has an industry of people, called critical incident stress debriefers, whose job it is to converge on disaster sites and get people to talk about their feelings.

Not necessarily mental health experts, debriefers sent by city or county health, fire or police departments have had training in what to say to encourage emoting after a disaster. They head to scenes of death and destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina, floods in Iowa or fires throughout California, not to mention human-made horrors like the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center or the Columbine and Virginia Tech school shootings.

Yet a 2006 review of studies on such debriefings in the Review of General Psychology found, in general, either no benefit or worse outcomes from the interventions.

"If it's immediately after an upheaval, it's completely foolish to do that," says James Pennebaker, chair of psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. "Some people naturally talk and listen to others. If they don't want to talk about it, they don't. If they do, they do. They may need help in two months, but they may not want help then."

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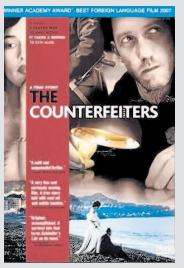
Nim's Island

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Abigail Breslin stars as a fearless young girl left alone on an island after her scientist dad (Gerard Butler) vanishes. In need of a father figure, she strikes up an e-mail correspondence with what she thinks is her literary hero, but her pen pal actually is a neurotic author (Jodie Foster) who hasn't left her apartment in ages. The DVD and Blu-ray disc come with a huge selection of deleted scenes, three featurettes and commentary from Foster, Breslin and directors Mark Levin and Jennifer Flackett.

The Counterfeiters

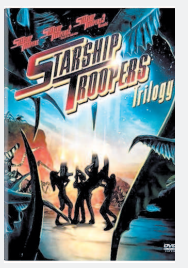
DVD, $28.96;
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Based on a true story from World War II, the Austrian film follows the convoluted path of a master counterfeiter who is thrown into a Nazi concentration camp but gets preferential treatment by leading a team that prints phony Allied currency to weaken the economies of Germany's adversaries. Accompanying the film are deleted scenes, interviews and much more.

Starship Troopers

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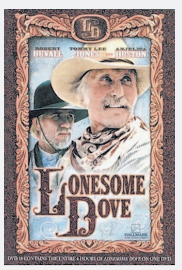


Giant bugs are back to take on Earth in this sci-fi novel adaptation, which makes the leap to Blu-ray accompanied by the debut of "Starship Troopers 3: Marauder" and the previous small-screen sequel "Starship Troopers: Hero of the Federation."

TV ON DVD

Lonesome Dove

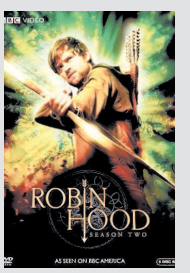
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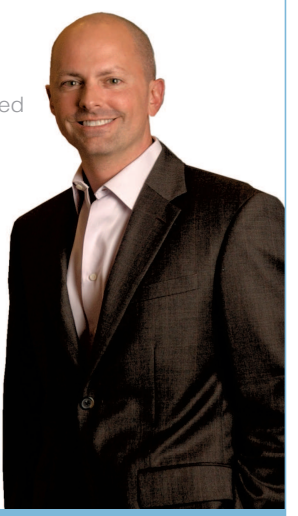
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- **Step Brothers** (R) 1:00,3:15,5:30,7:55,10:15
- **X Files** (PG–13) 1:15,4:25,7:20,9:40
- **Space Chimps** (G) 2:20,4:20
- **The Dark Knight** (PG–13) 1:40,2:40,3:50,4:50,5:50,7:05,8:05,9:05,10:10
- **Journey-Center** (PG) 2:25 P.M.
- **Hellboy-Army** (PG–13) 4:35,7:10,9:45
- **Hancock** (PG–13) 1:25,1:45,3:35,5:45,6:45,8:00,10:05
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- **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) 2:00,4:05,6:05,8:10
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- **Journey-Center** (PG) ◆ 12:50,3:20,5:45,8:10,10:35
- **Hellboy-Army** (PG–13) 1:45,7:20
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- **WALL-E** (G) 2:30,5:15,8:00,10:45
- **Wanted** (R) 4:30,10:30

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- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG–13) ★ 12:00,1:00,1:50,3:00,4:00,4:50, 6:10,7:10,7:40,9:00,10:00,10:30
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- **X Files** (PG–13) ★ 10:40,1:30,4:20,7:10,10:00
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- **Wanted** (R) 11:10,2:00,4:45,7:40,10:30
- **Sex & City** (R) 11:45,3:00,6:10,9:30

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- **Step Brothers** (R) 1:10,3:45,6:45,9:20
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More colleges offer lectures on video

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Missed class? Catch the rerun. That's what some college students will be doing when classes resume in a few weeks.

A number of colleges and universities have begun offering on-demand video of classes, and the use of this technology is expected to grow over the next few years.

Video cameras capture classes, and an electronic tablet substitutes for the blackboard. Students can watch the class on their computers or listen to the audio on their iPods, fast-forwarding or rewinding at will.

Fans say the practice is another learning tool, but others are wary. They fear that attendance and the kind of learning that takes place in real time will suffer.

"It is an unsatisfactory replacement for face-to-face interaction," said James Zimmerman, associate director of the Research Academy for University Learning at Montclair State University.

The academy promotes good teaching, and Zimmerman works with professors to make classes—even large lecture halls—more interactive.

"The object is not just to talk at your class," he said. "Any way that you can get feedback during class will maximize learning."

"You can't do that in the recorded medium," Zimmerman said. "Professors can't respond to the needs of their audience. You don't know whether your students are understanding the material or engaged in the material."

But others are excited about the technology. Bergen County, N.J., Community College began using it in two classes last school year and hopes to double that number next year, said Ed Pittarelli, director of technologies on the Paramus, N.J., campus. School officials also are thinking about using it for student orientation, he said.

Pittarelli said it costs about $5,000 to outfit a classroom with the technology. The videos enhance live classes, he said.

The tool is especially helpful at a community college where there is a wide range of students and many of them are juggling work and home responsibilities.

"We saw this as a way of helping a lot of students," Pittarelli said. "They can replay lectures and get themselves on track."

Pittarelli acknowledged that "to some extent there's no replacement for being in class."

He said faculty members using the technology also are able to measure actual attendance.

"It really helps for incidental absences, but our primary concern was to give students another tool to keep up with classwork," Pittarelli said.

"We haven't had a problem with attendance diminishing," said Joan Cook, director of the Center for Teaching Excellence at the County College of Morris, N.J., where one room is equipped with the technology.

Cook said it can be particularly valuable for some students with learning difficulties.

"There's a whole host of students who can benefit if they can revisit aspects of class that confused them," Cook said. "It can make the difference between success and failure."

Pittarelli said the technology suits today's students. "Today the kids are so tech-savvy. Instead of watching You Tube, they can watch a chemistry class."

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Comic books as art

GEEK TO ME



By Elliott Serrano
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Comic book geeks often find themselves defending the art form they love so much. Some say that the label "comic book" suggests something childish, juvenile or perhaps irrelevant, but there are many within the artistic community who appreciate comic books (or graphic novels) as a relevant form of artistic expression.

One of them is Diane Tanios, gallery owner and driving force behind the exhibit "SUPERDOGunderdog: Knuckle-Opera for the Socially Challenged."

With the help of Chicago-based artist Tony Akins, Tanios brought together a renowned group of comic artists to show people that comic books have a lot more to offer than meets the eye.

Tanios said comic books allow people to "connect with their emotional processes," making them very relevant. Comic books have evolved from their earlier incarnations and are now more than just stories about people in brightly colored tights and capes, flying around and fighting crime, she said. They also can tell stories about ordinary people in everyday life.

Jeff Zwirek, an independent comic creator, is one of the exhibit's featured artists. He has pages on display from his mini-comic "Burning Building Comix," which takes place in—you guessed it—a burning building. The comic tells the stories of some very human characters: alcoholic spouses in marital disputes and latch-key kids left to fend for themselves, among others. And as the building of the title burns, readers experience the lives and emotions of the people who populate it.

The book is a labor of love for Zwirek, who imagined himself a comic-book artist since he was 10.

"My family and friends have all known that I've drawn comics for years," he said. "[I] barely can get them to look at it.

"I tell them I'm in a gallery show, [and the response is] 'Really? When is it? Can I be there? This is a big deal!' "

At the exhibit, viewers go from the mundane to the fantastic and unusual thanks to the art of Chicago-area resident (and Eisner Award-winning) artist Gene Ha.

Ha has worked with some of the most renowned writers in comics, most notably Alan Moore, and has created stunning sequential art (what you'd call a basic comic-book page) for titles including "X-Men" and "The Justice League of America." But for all his accomplishments, he said he feels the up-and-coming talent on his heels.

"The kids who are just coming out using Photoshop, Painter ... and frankly the 3-D stuff, which I just have no idea about, are just blowing me away," he said. "There are some insanely talented people in this industry."

The "SUPERDOGunderdog" exhibit also features the work of Akins (artist on DC Comics' "Jack of Fables"), Alex Wald and Montreal native Elisabeth Belliveau.

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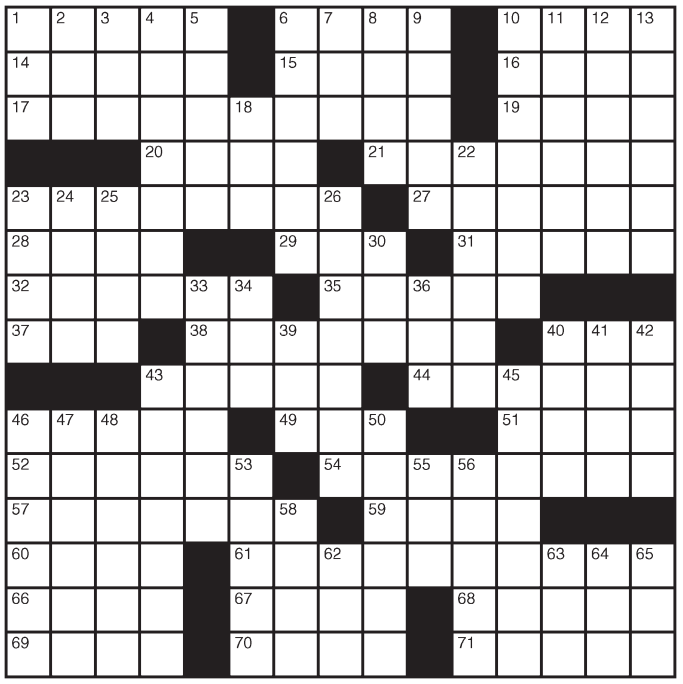
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21 Call before a court
23 Feign illness to avoid work
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32 Walled area in Middle Ages
35 Red figure
37 D.C. VIP
38 Large flatfish
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59 Avg.
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68 Big-time perp
69 Beatty film
70 Diana or Betsy
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DEEP THOUGHTS



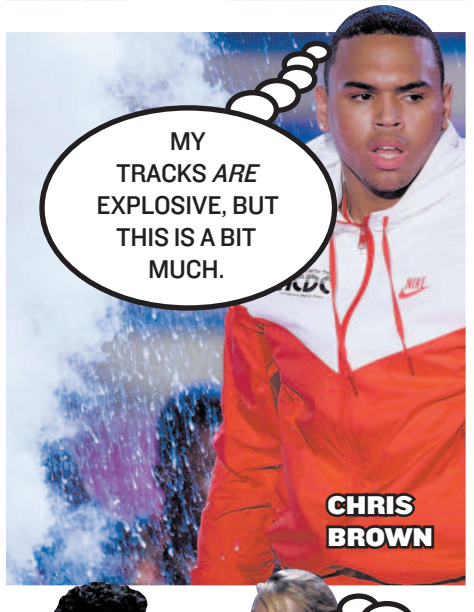
Stars step out for Teen Choice Awards

Talk about a good night.

"Gossip Girl" and the Jonas Brothers were the big winners at the 10th annual Teen Choice Awards, which aired Monday on Fox, walking away with six surfboard trophies each.

Hosted by Miley Cyrus, the celeb-packed show also handed out nods to Will Smith, Chris Brown and Jordin Sparks—among many, many others.

RedEye has pics from the show, and we can't help but wonder what was on the stars' minds during the biggest night in teendom. [JIM WALSH, REDEYE; AP PHOTOS]









BEST IN SHOW

Who won what? Here are just a few of the highlights. [AP]

>> Choice Movie Actress Drama: Keira Knightley, "Atonement."

>> Choice Movie Actress Comedy: Ellen Page, "Juno."

>> Choice Movie Actor Horror/Thriller: Will Smith, "I Am Legend."

>> Choice TV Breakout Star Male: Chace Crawford, "Gossip Girl."

>> Choice TV Female Reality/Variety Star: Lauren Conrad, "The Hills."

>> Choice Hook-Up: Jordin Sparks and Chris Brown, "No Air."

>> Choice Music Female Artist: Miley Cyrus.

>> Choice Male Hottie: Jonas Brothers.

>> Choice Female Hottie: Vanessa Hudgens.

>> Choice Male Athlete: David Beckham.

Olsen watch



OLSEN [AP FILE PHOTO]

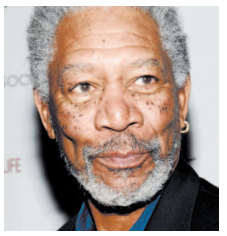
Mary-Kate Olsen's lawyer spoke Monday about his client's involvement with the investigation of Heath Ledger's death from a drug overdose.

She "had nothing whatsoever to do with the drugs found in Heath Ledger's home or his body," lawyer Michael Miller said in a statement released to celeb gossip sites.

The actress reportedly was called before the police when Ledger's body was found in January.

Olsen's lawyer said she has "provided the Government with relevant information" and she "does not know the source of the drugs Mr. Ledger consumed."

Freeman in serious condition



FREEMAN

Morgan Freeman was hospitalized in serious condition Monday after the car he was driving left a rural road in the Mississippi Delta and flipped several times.

The "Dark Knight" actor was airlifted to a medical center in Memphis, about 90 miles north of the accident in rural Tallahatchie County, according to The Associated Press. The actor "has a broken arm, broken elbow and minor shoulder damage, but is in good spirits," according to a statement from Donna Lee, Freeman's publicist. A hospital spokeswoman said Freeman was in serious condition but would not discuss his injuries.

Clay McFerrin, editor of Sun Sentinel in Charleston, said Freeman "was lucid, conscious" when McFerrin arrived at the accident, which occurred shortly before midnight Sunday. "He was talking, joking with some of the rescue workers at one point."



SNOW

'A good person'

Brittany Snow is standing up for her "Hairspray" co-star Nikki Blonsky, who was arrested last week for alleged assault in a Caribbean airport. "She's one of the sweetest girls I've ever met, so I just hope it works out," Snow tells People magazine. "And it will, because she's a good person, and good things happen to good people."

'Gladiators' loss

Randee Haynes was no match for The Eliminator on the first half of the "American Gladiators" season finale that aired Monday night. The Chicago native—despite trailing throughout the episode said, "I want it more, I need it, this is what I came to do"—lost in the semifinals to challenger Mike Gamble of Connecticut.

BITS AND PIECES

The best of what's left in buzz

1. Rumor: "Mad Men" dude guest-starring on "The Office"
Somebody call HR!

2. Brooks and Dunn get Walk of Fame stars
AND an intro by Dr. Phil? What a day.

3. Paris Hilton's "Our Love Is The Real Thing" T-shirt
Because the "Benji" pendant just wasn't enough.

4. Lolla hangover
Three days. 225,000 people. One awesome time.

5. Producer Nigel Lythgoe leaving "American Idol"
Wake us when it's Simon.

[JIM WALSH, REDEYE]

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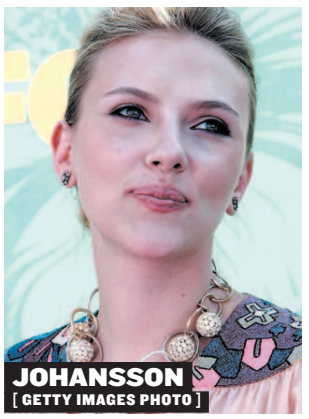


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LADY PENELOPE

When it comes to Johansson, Cruz vows not to kiss and tell



JOHANSSON [GETTY IMAGES PHOTO]

Penelope Cruz is keeping her lips sealed over her kiss with Scarlett Johansson in Woody Allen's new movie, the actress tells Newsweek.

"Really, Scarlett and I have run out of lines to say about that," she said in an interview with the magazine. "We're calling Woody to give us some material. People love that subject. The only thing which is honest, the set was very crowded that day. But I don't have anything else to tell you about it."

Did she do any research?

"Very funny," she said.

The comedy "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" hits theaters on Aug. 15.

CRUZ [GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO]

Money talks



WINFREY

Here's one of Oprah Winfrey's favorite things: her salary.

Chicago's talk show maven reportedly earns $385 million a year, according to TV Guide's annual star salary survey of mega-earning celebs. Ranking behind her is "American Idol" judge Simon Cowell, who banks $50 million, and late-night gabber David Letterman, who makes $32 million.

Want more? Charlie Sheen is primetime's top-earning comedy star, rolling in at $825,000 per show, and "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane recently inked a deal with Fox that'll pay him $100 million by 2012.



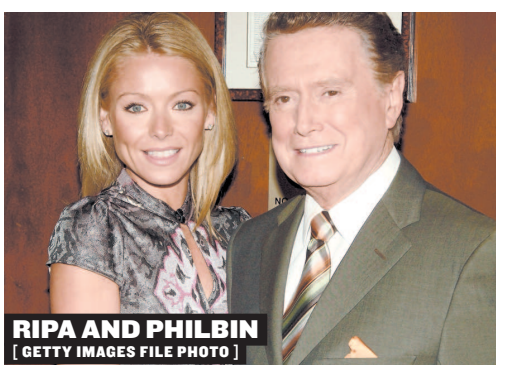
THE DIGIT

$14M The amount People magazine reportedly paid for photos used in its Bradgelina twins feature, on newsstands Monday, according to The Associated Press. People and the British tabloid Hello! had joint rights to publish the most expensive celebrity pictures ever sold.

BABY BUCKS

How much did People pay Jennifer Lopez for photos of her twins in March? Text "twins" and the number of your answer to 47383. You'll get a message telling you if you got the answer right.

(1) $1 million **(3)** $4 million
(2) $2 million **(4)** $6 million



RIPA AND PHILBIN [GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO]

Regis, Kelly go 'Ugly'

Add Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa to the list of guest stars on the new season of "Ugly Betty."

"Betty" star America Ferrera announced on Monday's "Live with Regis and Kelly" that Philbin and Ripa will appear in the show's Sept. 25 premiere.

The co-hosts will play themselves in a scene where Wilhelmina (Vanessa Williams) and Alexis (Rebecca Romijn) arrive on "Live" to promote the new issue of Mode magazine.

Lindsay Lohan, who appeared in last season's finale, returns for five episodes this season. Other celebs have guest-starred on the show, including Victoria Beckham and Naomi Campbell.



SOULJA BOY TELL'EM [AP FILE PHOTO]

You tell 'em, Soulja Boy

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

That apparently is Soulja Boy Tell'em's motto when it comes to "iSouljaBoy," the tentative title of his follow-up LP. The rapper tells MTV his new tunes will have his trademark party vibe, not deep lyrics.

"If I wanted to, [I could] go that route and be respected [not for] my success ... respected [for] my music and my lyrics or whatever," he tells the network about switching his style.

"I'm gonna stick to what I do and stay being successful and I'll do some mixtapes and some futures, something like that."

Celeb baby talk



WENTZ

Pete Wentz is prepping for the baby's arrival by baby-proofing the house, getting the nursery ready and learning about parenthood. Sure, he's reading books, but he's also watching movies.

"I've watched 'Look Who's Talking' and 'Look Who's Talking Too.' I'd be worried if the baby sounded like Bruce Willis," he told **people.com**.